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Shanghai Municipal Council.

POLICE FORCE,
(DETECTIVE BRANCH)

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Sir,

The Tuchun of Chekiang visited the Arsenal yesterday and had a long conversation with General Yang about the activities of the pro-Manchu party in Shanghai.

It is reported that Admiral Sah on behalf of the Central Government has agreed to reimburse the navy for the money spent during its period of independence. The money will be paid through General Yang.

Rumours continue that undesirables in Frenchtown intend to plunder the City and extraordinary precautions are being continued.

The Military Governor has made a proposition to the effect that he will purchase all revolvers, pistols, rifles, and munitions of war from the revolutionaries at thenfull market value, and has offered to bear a share of the expense of sending all those who are without employment in Shanghai back to their native provinces. He has instructed the City Magistrate to confer with the Taoyin, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in the Settlement and at Nantao with a view to ascertaining whether the balance of the money necessary can be raised and whether a workable scheme of repatriation which will cover all Shanghai can be formulated. He has asked for an answer within ten days.

He anticipates that he will be able to deal with the French Authorities through Lo Pan Hung, a Chinese Christian who is a member of the Consultative Committee of the French Municipal Council.

The Chinese Authorities as well as the leading merchants of the port are now thoroughly alive to the situation and they are agreed it must be dealt with at once if a repetition of the incidents which occurred at Hankow are to be avoided.

The Shooting affray at Sicawei on the night of August 5th wherein one Chinese Constable was shot and fatally wounded and a Police Inspector injured by a pistol bullet was caused by a number of armed men, who were on their way to attack the house of a wealthy Chinese who had been requested by letter to contribute to the funds of pro-Manchu agents and who had refused to do so.

Your Obedient Servant,

C.D.I.

Captain Superintendent of Police.